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Mr. David Hartshorn General Services Administration 1500 Bannister Road, Room 2135 Kansas City, MO 64131-3088

RE: Federal Center Facility, 607 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Hartshorn:

I have reviewed the Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection (PA/SI) report for the Federal Center-Hardesty site. I also contacted Mr. Bryant Burnett, U.S. EPA-Region 7, on his review of the documents. The PA/SI report adequately addressed the contamination related to past

Please make data available to the potential buyer that the TCE plume potentially goes off-site. As part of the early transfer process the potential buyer will be able to review the environmental assessment reports for the Federal Center facility. However, prospective buyers may not be aware of the groundwater plume leaving the site.

Please prepare a remedial action plan for the Federal Center site. It is the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (department) understanding that the General Services Administration (GSA) wants to do a covenant deferral request as part of the Early Transfer Authority under CERCLA so the property can be put back into productive use faster. If you have any questions regarding the procedures the department needs to make in regard to the Early Transfer Authority please call me at (573) 751-7538 or P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Bryant Burnett, U.S. EPA Region 7, Site Assessment Branch Integrity and excellence in all we do